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LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued over the period 25 October to 2 November 1993.

25 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi and Busayyah.

26 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the southern region on 26 October 1993.

27 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Jabayish.

28 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

29 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 29 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

30 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

31 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 31 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Busayyah and Artawi.

1 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

2 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih and Shatrah.

At 1440 hours on 2 November 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected in the southern region flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It overflew Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi and Jabayish and disappeared at 1530 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.